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"Being a Public Service Scholar allowed me to find my niche at Carolina: incorporating service into what I was learning in the classroom and laying the foundation for a lifetime of public service. My experiences through PSS uniquely shaped my undergraduate experience and helped prepare me to enter the public sector post-graduation. This program embodies the adage, 'service is a response to the privilege of education.'"

## Welcome



My belief that Carolina students are the best in the world has been reinforced time and time again since I became Chancellor last July. The success of the Public Service Scholars program shows that I am right. I knew that we encourage students to give back to the community—to practice public service and to make it a lifelong habit. However, what I have learned is that these students need little encouragement; they consider public service an integral part of their educational experience, and they are leading the way in demonstrating how this University is making a difference in the lives of others locally, nationally and around the world.

This is the fifth class of Public Service Scholars and they continue to raise the bar for those who follow. As you read about these outstanding 2009 graduates, you will see that their efforts have contributed to improving the lives of countless individuals and communities throughout North Carolina and far beyond. We hope their stories will impress you and inspire you to make a difference too. Please join me in offering our congratulations for their impressive accomplishments and thanks for continuing the proud traditions of Carolina.

*H. Holden Thorp*

HOLDEN THORP CHANCELLOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL



Here at the Carolina Center for Public Service, we are pleased to feature the fifth class of graduating Public Service Scholars. I think you will agree that the class of 2009 is a remarkable group. They embody the tradition and culture of service here at the nation's first public university, carrying on the legacy of those who have gone before and setting a high standard for those who follow. Both they and the communities they served have benefited from their commitment. There have been many people supporting them along the way, including Carolina faculty and staff. We are grateful to them, and even more importantly, to the dedicated agency and community representatives who provided opportunities, encouragement and mentoring along the way. We hope this publication will serve to honor the graduates as well as thank all those who have helped make their impressive accomplishments possible.

*Lynn W. Blanchard*

LYNN W. BLANCHARD DIRECTOR, CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

# Program Overview

The Public Service Scholars (PSS) program provides a framework and motivation for more than 1,500 students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to strengthen and maintain their commitment to serving communities throughout North Carolina, the nation and the world.

During this time of economic uncertainty, now more than ever, communities and individuals rely upon volunteers to offer critical support and create sustainable change. Since 2003, **2,800** participants have logged more than **400,000** hours of service, which translates to an estimated value of **\$7,804,000**.\* The social worth of the students' work far exceeds the financial value of their service.

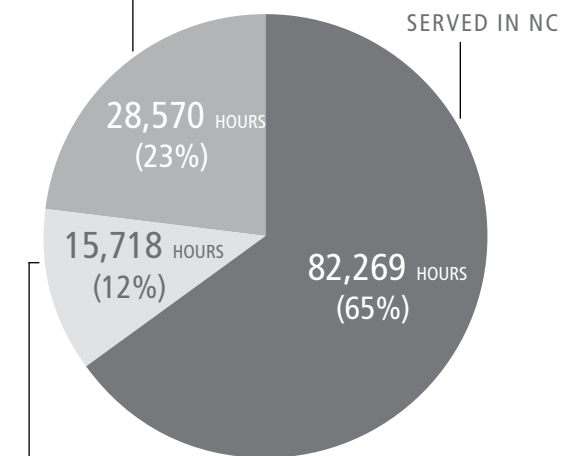
The program is open to all full-time undergraduate students with at least four semesters remaining. To complete the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Attend an orientation session
- 300 documented hours of service
- One service-learning class
- Four skills trainings
- A senior service portfolio
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

\*According to Independent Sector, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$19.51 per hour for 2007.

## 2008 HOURS OF SERVICE

### SERVED INTERNATIONALLY

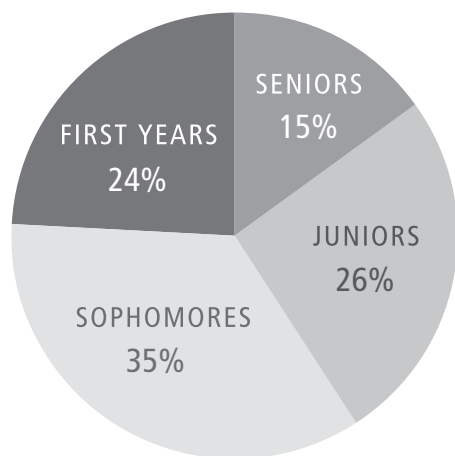


### SERVED IN OTHER STATES

TOTAL HOURS = 126,558

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SERVICE = \$2,469,147\*

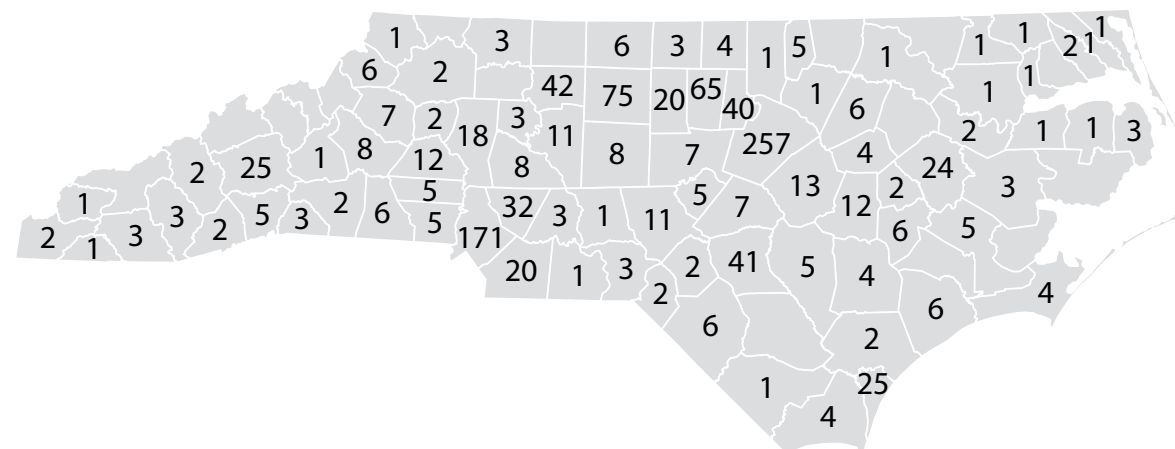
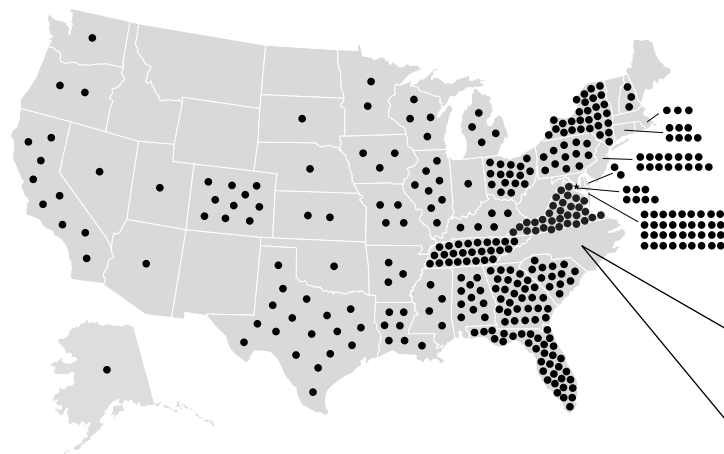
## PARTICIPANTS BY CLASS YEAR



## MAJOR

Participants represent  
**75%** of all majors at Carolina.

## HOMETOWN



# Goals and Outcomes

Each year, senior PSS participants evaluate the program's impact to determine whether it is meeting its goals and objectives. A sampling of results from the spring 2008 survey is below:

PROVIDE A STRUCTURED PLAN FOR STUDENTS TO BECOME DEEPLY ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTE VARYING DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONAL, POLICY AND PHILANTHROPY DOMAINS:

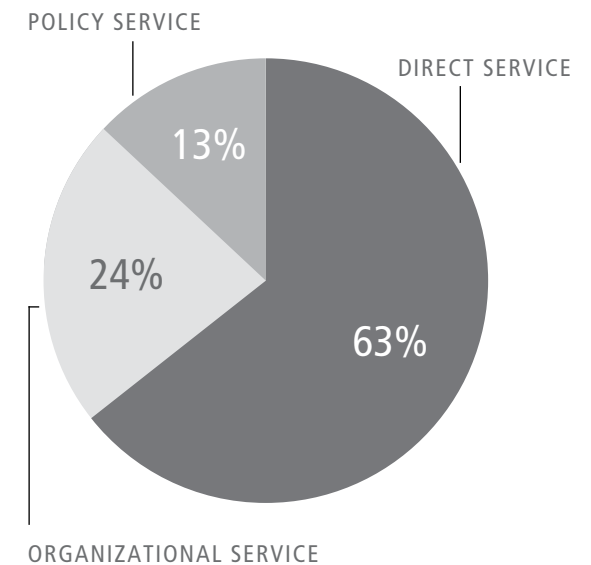
- **87%** broadened their view/definition of public service.

"My experience with the program was invaluable. I have learned so much—from policy and its impact on service, to ways in which you can encourage others to take part in service."

- **89%** reported being exposed to opportunities they may not have heard about otherwise.

"This program has given me opportunities that I otherwise would have never had at UNC such as Outward Bound and traveling to the Gulf Coast for Katrina Relief."

SENIORS' EXPERIENCE WITHIN THREE DIMENSIONS OF SERVICE:



"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with resources and a structure through which I learned about the world in a way I could not have ever fully appreciated had I only focused on my academics at Carolina. Because of that, I believe I am a better and stronger person than the girl who first came here four years ago."

#### FOSTER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY, ITS STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY:

- **95%** developed a sustained commitment to an agency where they performed service.

"The program was such a wonderful way to keep up with service through my four years and pushed me to make connections with the community outside of the university."

#### DEVELOP STUDENTS' SKILLS FOR QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICE:

- **71%** developed new skills or enhanced current skills as a result of completing the skills trainings.

"It was a great experience. I would recommend this program to any Carolina student. It was a vital part of my college career and has made me a better person and professional."

## ADVANCE THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION OF SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT:

- **90%** increased their commitment to public service through involvement in the Public Service Scholars program.

"The program helped me to stay organized and focus on things that truly matter."

- **92%** are more likely to engage in public service in the future and **89%** plan to incorporate public service into their career plans.

"The program has inspired me to make service a part of my life. I am certain that my time in the Public Service Scholars program will influence the way in which I live my life forever."

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has truly given me a chance to fit in during my time at UNC. I feel privileged and honored to be a part of a program that is deeply concerned with the service of helping others. The time spent volunteering in this program has reaffirmed my desire to be in a service profession. This opportunity has made my time at Carolina really important and worthwhile."



2005 Public Service Scholars



2006 Public Service Scholars



2007 Public Service Scholars

## Alumni

Sixty-four Public Service Scholar alumni (classes 2005–2007) completed a survey documenting the impact of the program on their lives and careers since graduation. They were asked about their personal commitment to service, the degree to which they engage in service, and their career path. A sampling of outcome data is below:

### INFLUENCE ON COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

- **92%** felt that their participation in PSS resulted in an increased personal commitment to service.
- **86%** continue to engage in public service at a high or moderate degree, with **72%** performing one to four hours of service a week.

“The Public Service Scholars program was a wonderful opportunity to volunteer in a myriad of different ways and to help me find what really moved me. It made service a part of my daily life, a part of who I am.”

“The Public Service Scholars program taught me to be an active citizen, which has helped me in many ways that I’m only now beginning to realize. It was one of the best things I did at Carolina.”



## INFLUENCE ON CAREER

- More than **70%** stated their participation in PSS influenced their career path to a high or moderate degree. More than half are currently employed in the nonprofit/public sector.
- **90%** report that they are likely to seek out a career in the nonprofit/public sector in the future.
- An **“opportunity to make a meaningful contribution”** was ranked as the top influence on their current job choice.

“Through the Public Service Scholars program, I learned to appreciate the role and importance of contributing one’s talents, knowledge and time to make substantive improvements in the lives of others. PSS assisted me in reflecting on the importance of service and taught me that a prerequisite for my career is feeling connected to work that helps people.”

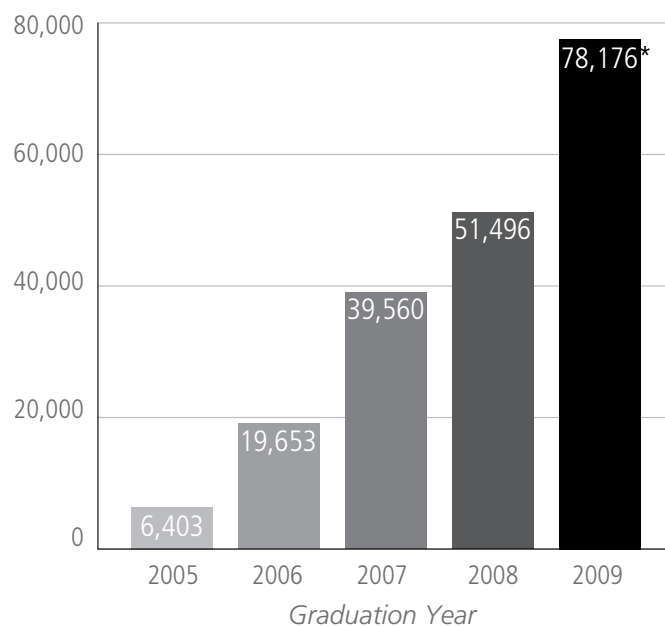
“The Public Service Scholars program enabled me to spread my wings and explore the world of service and all that it encompasses. I learned about service, locally, regionally, nationally and globally through the various programs offered by the University and PSS. It was the highlight of my four years at UNC and laid the foundation for a career in public service.”

“Words really do no justice to the experience of being a Public Service Scholar. Through scholarship, service, and community-based learning, the Public Service Scholars program has taught me to give back to the community around me and abroad as I learn my field of study at this great university. Indeed, I have been instilled with the values of public service, and I hope that my future career will carry this knowledge forward.”

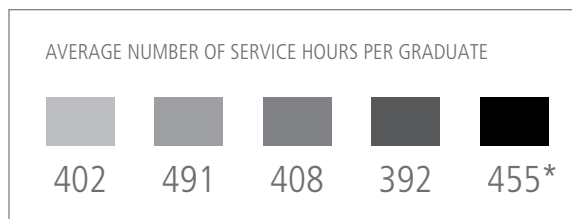
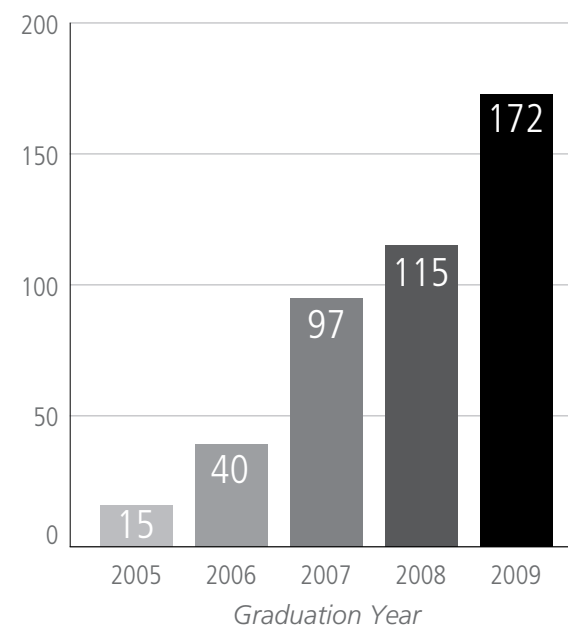
"When I first entered the PSS program, I had a very limited understanding of service. My goal was merely to volunteer whenever I could and meet like-minded individuals on campus. However, I now wish to find a connection to service in all of my endeavors and seek more unconventional ways to positively affect my community. Without this program I wouldn't have been able to see the bigger picture and understand the true depth of service."

## Legacy of Service

TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE,  
PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLAR GRADUATES



NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
SCHOLAR GRADUATES



\*Totals as of 2/27/09. Additional hours will be reported at graduation.

# Public Service Scholars

## TOP FIVE SERVICE FOCUS AREAS OF '09 GRADUATES

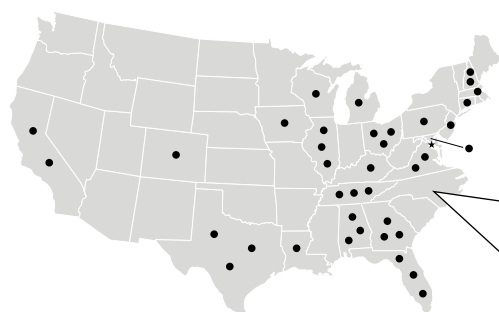
1. Children and Youth
2. Health
3. Education
4. Social Justice
5. Hunger and Homelessness/Poverty

## TOP MAJORS OF '09 GRADUATES

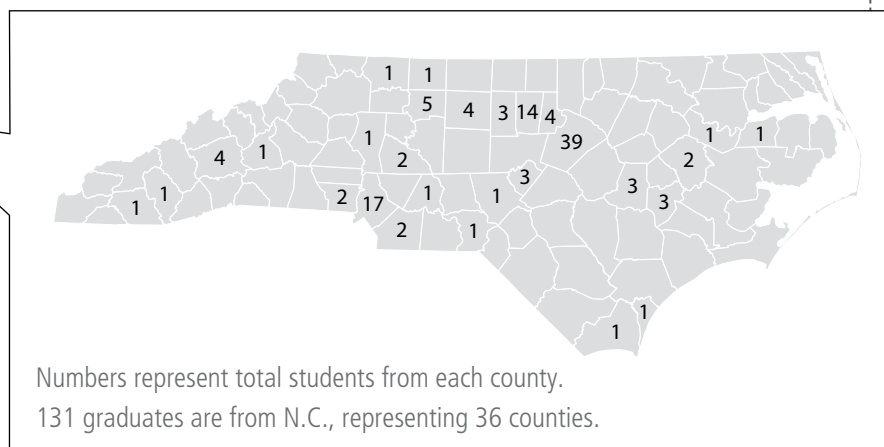
1. Biology
2. Psychology
3. International Studies
4. Political Science
5. Economics and Spanish (Romance Languages)\*

*\* tied for ranking*

## HOMETOWNS OF '09 GRADUATES



Each dot represents one '09 PSS graduate.  
Three students are from outside the U.S.



Please see the index for an alphabetical listing of the graduates with their home state and county (if from NC).

"There is a multitude of ways that Public Service Scholars aided me in my endeavor to pursue my passions in service, from introducing me to opportunities to providing a structure of classes and leadership workshops that helped me frame my service in the right way. But really, more than anything, the inspiration that I got from being a part of a group where more than a thousand students were unselfishly serving others was what defined the experience."

"My participation in the Public Service Scholars program has helped to cultivate not only a love of service, but also a love of other cultures. Many of my service opportunities have dealt with people who had different educations, experiences, ideals and even languages than my own. These sorts of opportunities that fuse service with the teachings of acceptance are more valuable than anything that can be taught in the classroom."

## SCHOLARS' GLOBAL IMPACT

The Public Service Scholars program encourages connections to one's own community and fosters relationships around the world. Congratulations and thank you to the 2009 Public Service Scholars for their impact which can be felt across the globe!





**HASAN ABDULLAH**  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Afterschool Prep Program
  - Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school

"Public Service Scholars gave me the opportunity to reach a broad range of individuals and groups in need of help."



**NATASHA ADLAKHA**  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

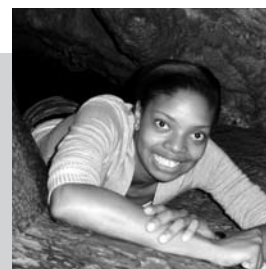
**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and Asian Studies

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- World Camp for Kids
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Lutheran Family Services

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Clinical research and volunteer work, then apply to medical school

"As a result of Public Service Scholars, I have learned so much about myself and the community. Not only have I understood the importance of service, but I have also understood that it is a reciprocal act between two parties. As a result of my experiences with the program, I have decided to spend a minimum of three months prior to medical school doing international volunteer work."



**DANIELLE ALLEN**  
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Public Policy and Economics

**MINOR**  
Urban Studies and Planning

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y
  - Breakthrough Collaborative, Austin
  - The International Child Abuse Network (Yes ICAN)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work in Washington, D.C., then law school

"I was bound by an insatiable desire to give back and to be a part of the public service community at Carolina. What I have learned from my experiences in the Public Service Scholars program is that giving back can take many forms, including paying it forward. Its effects are multiplied in miraculous ways when you act as part of a larger community. I will carry these lessons with me well into the future."



**ANJAIL AMEEN**  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Anthropology

**MINOR**  
African and Afro-American Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Triple Alliance Committee, Black Student Movement
  - Relay for Life
  - Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has caused me to mature in a way that I would not have been able to without it. I was able to meet and work with some amazing people. Through the program, I have been able to be trained and certified in peer mentoring around some very important issues such as HIV/AIDS and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer/ Questioning community."



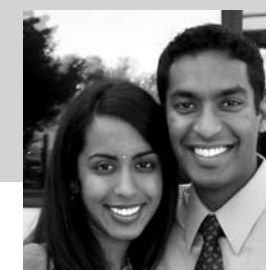
**ELIZABETH ANDERSON**  
BOILING SPRINGS,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Exercise and Sport Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
  - Mi Escuelita Spanish Immersion Preschool
  - Burmese refugee tutoring

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program exposed me to various types of service, of which I would not have known outside of the program. PSS fueled my fire for public service and I hope to continue serving others after graduation."



**DHIVYA ARUMUGHAM**  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Economics and Mathematics

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Teach For America
  - Campus Y

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for Capital One

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed for me to explore social issues by providing me with an easily accessible network of opportunities offered at UNC. It has provided me a structured approach to service, which would have otherwise been difficult to maintain. This program has encouraged me to further reflect on my growth during my undergraduate years in terms of service and to continue exploring social issues in my community even after graduation."





AMANDA BAKER  
HOLLY SPRINGS,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, Project Homestart
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - Rainbow Soccer

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Master of Social Work

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars has facilitated my interest in serving the community and helped me devote my time and energy to providing what services I can to Chapel Hill and the surrounding area."



ROBA BAKIR  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and Sociology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC-TV
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - Unite for Sight

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school

"Through PSS, I have supported the programs I benefited from growing up. In elementary school, I watched programs like Sesame Street so I volunteered at the television station that broadcasts the show. In middle school, I had a mentor from UNC so I mentored others through Big Sibs. In high school, I had teaching assistants in my classes so I became a teaching assistant in a local elementary school."



CASEY BECKNER  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

**MAJOR**  
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y
  - Catalyst Conference
  - Advocates for Grassroots Development, Uganda

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Peace Corps in the Pacific Islands

"Public Service Scholars has allowed me to find and work with many peers who are truly impacting the world in real ways. I have seen so many incredible things happen over my time as a Public Service Scholar, all of which have been products of the incredible work of college students and community members who are very passionate about social justice and truly creating a better world."



CHRIS BELHORN  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Political Science

**MINOR**  
Religious Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
  - Student Government

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Peace Corps

"There is a multitude of ways that Public Service Scholars aided me in my endeavor to pursue my passions in service, from introducing me to opportunities to providing a structure of classes and leadership workshops that helped me frame my service in the right way. But really, more than anything, the inspiration that I got from being a part of a group where more than a thousand students were unselfishly serving others was what defined the experience."



TESSA BIALEK  
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

**MAJOR**  
Political Science

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- SHINE Tutoring
  - Camp Kesem North Carolina
  - Dimes for Darfur

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"As a Public Service Scholar, I was exposed to the diverse life experiences of the people I worked with and learned about. In ESL classrooms around the world, at a special summer camp, by reading at local elementary schools, and while dancing to raise money for a children's hospital, I learned about the challenges and triumphs of others. Now, I feel more prepared to create positive changes in my community and the world."



MARY BIGELOW  
VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA

**MAJOR**  
Business

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Mujeres Avanzadas hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
  - Learning Bridge, Breakthrough Collaborative
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Spanish Reading Partners

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Assistant brand manager in Richmond, Virginia

"After my incredible experiences as a teacher, I will always remember my students and, in the end, what they have taught me. I truly love my work, and will continue to volunteer for the rest of my life. I know that I will also continue my ESL work, an issue that will always be close to my heart, once I get settled in my new job after graduation. I have already found programs that are accepting volunteers!"



**CHASE BIRCHETTE**  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

**MAJOR**  
Information Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Helping Paws
  - School of Information and Library Science Curriculum Task Force

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for the IT department of a health insurance company

"Not only has the Public Service Scholars program provided a framework for all of my service, but it has also exposed me to the numerous volunteering opportunities at UNC and emphasized the importance of helping others and giving back to your community."



**AMELIA BLACK**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Communications Studies

**MINOR**  
Journalism and Mass Communication

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Durham Youth Home
  - Campus Y
  - Delta Sigma Theta

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach

"This was a great program to encourage me to record and reflect on my experiences serving the community. Recording everything down and describing the impact really helped me to realize the amount I was doing. I think all schools should have something like this."



**ANNALEE BLOOMFIELD**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Economics and Asian Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Green Summer Campaign, Vietnam
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Glenwood Elementary Dual-Language Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for Goldman Sachs, New York

"The Public Service Scholars program's recognition of student service is appreciated, although the acts themselves are the reward."



**CALLAN BLOUGH**  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and Administration (Public Health)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Durham
  - TABLE
  - Massachusetts Coalition of School-Based Health Centers

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Through Public Service Scholars, I have been able to enhance my college experience, build lasting relationships, and give back to the community. The program not only helped me grow in my understanding of service, but also led me to my passion for justice in healthcare, a battle I will continue to fight in the future."



**MEGAN BOOKHOUT**  
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Psychology and History

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y, Youth for Elderly Service
  - Charles House Eldercare Center
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach for America

"Through Public Service Scholars, I have become aware of the abundant opportunities to do great things for the community and I feel that I have really made a difference during my time at UNC. The experience in public service that I have gained through this program was instrumental for choosing a career and for realizing that the single most important goal I now hold for my future is to continue to make a difference."



**MELISSA BOONE**  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Linguistics and Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Delta Sigma Theta
  - National Student Speech Language Hearing Association
  - Campus Y, Criminal Justice Action and Awareness

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school in speech language pathology

"I have learned so much from this experience. It has shown me that I can make a significant difference in my local community and in the world."



MELINDA BOWMAN  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Education

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina PALS
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - Orange County Special Olympics

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Over the past four years of college, public service has taught me many lessons that I will carry throughout my life. To me, there is no better way to spend my time than to have a meaningful impact on another person's life. I am thankful for the experiences I had through the Public Service Scholars program and the impact they had on shaping my future."



CRISTER BRADY  
GAVIOTA, CALIFORNIA

**MAJOR**  
Latin American Studies

**MINOR**  
Portuguese (Romance  
Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- United with the Northside Community Now (UNC-NOW)
  - Student Global Health Committee (SHGC)
  - Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Outdoor education, public health school

"This was a good gateway to a lot of the service opportunities at UNC and also allowed for productive reflection on these opportunities."



CALLIE BRAUEL  
NORTH CONWAY,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Business and Economics

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - Street Girls Aid Ghana
  - Carolina Leadership Development

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a nonprofit

"Being a Public Service Scholar impacted my college experience tremendously not only by opening my eyes to injustices in our community, but by enabling me to take active steps towards solving these issues. The experience opened the doors to numerous ways of being involved both on and off campus that I most likely wouldn't have discovered on my own. It also solidified my desire to embark on a career in the nonprofit sector."



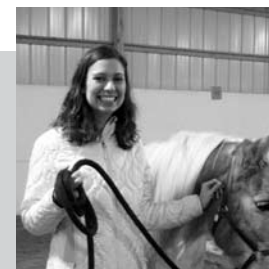
CERINA BUCHANAN  
CLEMMONS,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Unite for Sight
  - NC Health Careers Access Program
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program, Health, Hoops, and Hope internship

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Optometry school

"Being a part of the Public Service Scholars program served as a very rewarding experience. I was able to do something that I sincerely enjoy and focus on issues important to me through participating in various acts of public service."



EMILY BURESS  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

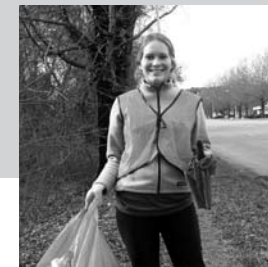
**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies and  
Political Science

**MINOR**  
English

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Students for Students International (S4Si)
  - Student Movement to End Child Soldiering (SMECS)
  - Nourish International

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Intern with health organizations in South Africa and India

"The PSS program has helped me to recognize the real value of my service work. I was surprised at how gratifying it became to record my hours and note exactly how I had contributed during each period. The PSS program, like so many other service programs on campus, has helped legitimize service for me as something worthwhile and important enough to be paramount in my priorities."



JEANNIE BURNETT  
ATHENS, GEORGIA

**MAJOR**  
Public Policy

**MINOR**  
Environmental Health  
Science (Public Health)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Teen Matters Clinic
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Casa de Amistad

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The service work I have done through the Public Service Scholars program has made for some of the most rewarding experiences I have had at college. Beyond that, it has helped me to articulate what interests and inspires me, which has allowed me to have a clearer idea of what I want to pursue after college."





**DORI CHANDLER**  
GREENSBORO,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Environmental Health  
Science (Public Health)

**MINOR**  
Asian Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Student Environmental Action Coalition, UNC Chapter
  - North Carolina Hillel, environmental group
  - Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Volunteering with the Student Conservation Association and World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)

"Public Service Scholars gave me the motivation to look beyond my own reality to help others in creating theirs. It made me less selfish during my four years of personal, intellectual and career path pursuits. Thereby, I was awakening to the lesson that the real joy in life comes from giving and feeling more for others than for oneself."



**XUE CHEN**  
WILMINGTON,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Business and Economics

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- A Helping Hand
  - Kidzu Children's Museum
  - Inter-Faith Council for Social Service

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Enter the work force

"I have had a wonderful experience with Carolina's Public Service Scholars program. This program provided me with a network of organizations in my community that offer phenomenal service and dedication to helping everyone in the community. I have learned the importance of understanding and educating myself about treating people as individuals in order to provide the service that each needs. I will continue to educate myself so that I may offer greater services in the future."



**SAMANTHA CHIU**  
MARLBORO, NEW JERSEY

**MAJOR**  
Education

**MINOR**  
Biology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - Eureka Enrichment Learning Center
  - Kidzu Children's Museum

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teaching in an underprivileged elementary school

"As I continue on in the future, I hope to inspire others, especially my future students, to be involved in public service. It is important for children to see the value in public service, not only for those who are helped, but also for themselves."



**KAYLAN CHRISTOFFERSON**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Economics and  
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Global Crossroad
  - Best Buddies
  - ESL Tutoring

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for Morgan Stanley

"My public service experiences in Chapel Hill, Tibet and Argentina have added a unique element of learning to my academic experience at Carolina, supplementing my own classes with my realization that the true purpose of one's education is to better enable one to serve others."



**MARY CHRISTOPH**  
MEBANE, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Geography

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
  - Hospice League
  - Connected Learning Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
HIV research, then pursue a doctorate in Epidemiology

"Public Service Scholars is a great opportunity to be recognized and have an action plan for service that you already should be performing! It's kept me motivated throughout college to keep volunteering and serve in ways that have changed my life."



**SHIU-HUI CHUANG**  
CONOVER, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies  
and English

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- AmeriCorps, Orange County Literacy Council
  - Carolina Navigators
  - Guardian ad Litem

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"My time served as a Public Service Scholar has been truly enriching and rewarding. I believe volunteering builds character and challenges a person to think more creatively, work more efficiently, and pursue life more passionately. I hope to continue volunteering for decades to come."



EMILY COHN  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

**MAJOR**  
Environmental Health  
Science (Public Health)

**MINOR**  
Biology

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Orange County Health Department
- Team Epi-Aid
- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Career in public health medicine, joining MD/MPH program

"Being a Public Service Scholar has solidified my commitment to serving others through public health. The program has connected me to people throughout the state, and through our interactions, I have learned many things that are essential but are not taught in classrooms. It truly has been an honor to be a part of this program and to do the work I have done."



JULIA CONWAY  
WEST SPRINGFIELD,  
MASSACHUSETTS

**MAJOR**  
Chemistry

**MINOR**  
Religious Studies

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- El Hospital Regional de Loreto, Iquitos, Peru
- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
- UNC Disability Services

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical School

"My experience with service at Carolina has guided not just my future career, but how I want to live and help others. I learned valuable skills and cannot wait to put them to use. The amazing people I met showed me what kind of person I want to be, and that anything is possible."



STEVEN COUPER  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Mathematical Decision  
Sciences and Economics

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program, tutoring
- Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon
- Roosevelt Institution

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Travel and graduate school for Economics

"My time as a Public Service Scholar has reinforced the importance of public service and has made service an integral part of my life, an aspect that I would like to continue post-graduation."



CARLYN COWEN  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies  
and Philosophy

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Nourish International
- Full Belly Project
- UNC Bahai Club

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a year, then graduate school

"Public Service Scholars has given me the discipline and the motivation to make service a part of my daily life. It would have been easy to live in a college bubble without ever seeing my community around me. But PSS taught me that I owe much of what I have to the community and to give back in return. Because of PSS, I am better prepared for a lifetime of social change."



ALEXANDRIA CUFF  
HUNTERSVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies and  
Art and Art History

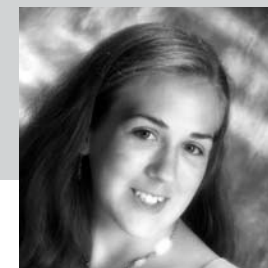
**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- El Centro Latino
- UNC Admissions Ambassadors
- MEDWorld

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"Through the Public Service Scholars program I have been challenged by the issue of identity: how I am defining my own identity and how I see others defining it for themselves. Now my passion for this issue is motivating my decision to engage in ways I can address these notions in entering into law school in the fall. My experiences volunteering the past four years have been extremely influential in this career choice."



CARI CUFFNEY  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Anthropology and Political  
Science

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, School Reading Partners
- North Carolina Therapeutic Riding Center
- Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Participation in the PSS program has broadened my definition of service. By working with a variety of organizations over the past three years I have discovered that service is much more enjoyable when it both instructs and inspires the participants. After graduation I plan to continue regular volunteer work as a means of connecting with my local community."



**KEVIN D'AURIA**  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Applied Sciences

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Nourish International

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Graduate school for Biomedical Engineering

"The Public Service Scholars program showed me that public service is more of a lifestyle than a defined list of hours or accomplishments. It is a constant awareness of how my talents and abilities can best be used to address the problems faced by those around me."



**CAROLINE DAVIS**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass Communication

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Komen for the Cure
- ARC of Orange County
- Franklin 5k

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Work in marketing/advertising

"Enrollment in the Public Service Scholars program allowed me to connect with the heart of the Carolina community, engage in meaningful outreach, and practice service as a core element of a fulfilling life."



**ALONNA DAWES**  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Business

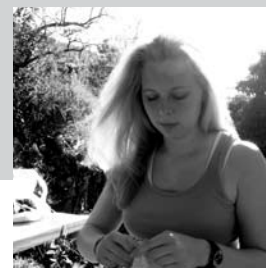
**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service Learning Program
- Kidzu Children's Museum
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work as a business analyst

"Having so many different volunteer experiences through Public Service Scholars has made me realize that I get a joy out of volunteering where I actually get to make a difference in someone's life, where I feel I accomplished something that wasn't there before."



**RACHAEL DEBNAM**  
MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA

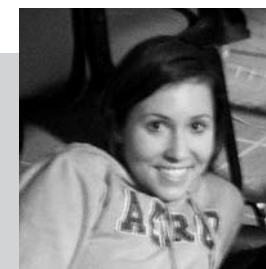
**MAJOR**  
English

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Christel House, South Africa
- Lobamba Neighborhood Care Point
- Upward Bound

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with resources and a structure through which I learned about the world in a way I could not have ever fully appreciated had I only focused on my academics at Carolina. Because of that, I believe I am a better and stronger person than the girl who first came here four years ago."



**ELEANOR DEGOLIAN**  
ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA

**MAJOR**  
Peace, War and Defense

**MINOR**  
Geography

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Carolina Troop Supporters
- MAP International
- Project HEAL

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Internship with Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

"Public Service Scholars has not only instilled in me an appreciation for public service, but also a desire to make service a way of life and a career choice."



**ECATERINA DIACONESCU**  
GALATI, ROMANIA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**

International Studies and Spanish (Romance Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Carolina Center for Public Service
- Matthews United Methodist Church Youth Travel Team
- Avant-Garde

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Internship abroad

"The Public Service Scholars program encouraged me not only to actively participate in service, but also to attend trainings and enroll in service-learning courses, all of which have bettered my understanding of the world so that I may better serve it."



**KATELYN DOUGHERTY**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
History and Spanish  
(Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- El Futuro
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - Communities In Schools of North Carolina

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a nonprofit

"I have enjoyed both the flexibility and structure that the PSS program has offered me. I have been able to choose the type of service to get involved in, yet at the same time have a goal to work towards that motivated me."



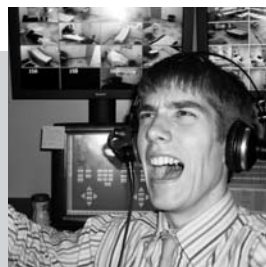
**AMBER DRAUGHON**  
WINSTON-SALEM,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Nursing

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
  - Service North Carolina
  - Camp Dragonfly

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work as a pediatric nurse

"The Public Service Scholars program allowed me to not only organize the types of service in which I participated, but also to plan service for my peers and encourage them to get involved as well. I was able to learn valuable skills to plan, implement and share my service effectively through skills trainings and meeting other individuals in the program. I plan to use the skills I've honed in the program to continue my service after graduation."



**ADAM DRECHSLER**  
FUQUAY-VARINA,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Extended Disaster Relief
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - UNC School of Medicine

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
UNC School of Medicine

"Through PSS, I learned how to empathize with people's situations. I also became more patient and self-disciplined when working alongside volunteers. The gratitude from those that received help is one reason I will continue to perform community service for the rest of my life. Even as a doctor, I will be certain to volunteer my time outside of the hospital in order to help those in need outside of a clinical setting."



**DIANA DUBICK**  
WEDDINGTON,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - Habitat for Humanity, Global Village
  - TABLE

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Peace Corps

"My participation in the Public Service Scholars program has helped to cultivate not only a love of service, but also a love of other cultures. Many of my service opportunities have dealt with people who had different educations, experiences, ideals and even languages than my own. These sorts of opportunities that fuse service with the teachings of acceptance are more valuable than anything that can be taught in the classroom."



**LAURA ECKLUND**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
  - Best Buddies
  - UNC Red Cross Club

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"I dream of becoming a medical doctor, a profession defined by dedication and service to others. As a Public Service Scholar contributing to the wellness of my community, all of the experiences I have encountered, the lessons I have learned, and the people I have met have served to strengthen this dream. I know these lessons will continue to influence and motivate me both as an individual and as a health care provider."



**RACHEL ESCOBAR**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
International Studies

**MINOR**  
Women's Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina Microfinance Initiative
  - FINCA International
  - Camp Seafarer

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars provides the framework for active participation in the local, national and global communities. It helped me to keep service as a priority during my four years at Carolina. It is so easy to get distracted by the daily grind of schoolwork, but it is in service that I find the most joy. PSS has kept me focused on living out the change I want to see in the world."





**MARIAMA EVANS**  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

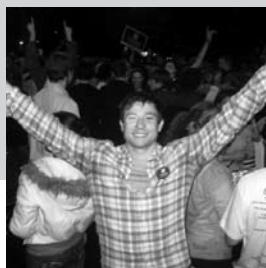
**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
African and Afro-American  
Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Communiversy
  - Multicultural Student Recruitment Committee
  - The Advocacy Center of Louisiana

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach for America, then medical school

"My experience has showed me that I would like to pursue teaching for a short time and also possibly consider working for a nonprofit organization."



**TYLER GAMBLE**  
FLEETWOOD,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Political Science

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Barack Obama for President
  - Carolina United
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program, Alternative Spring Break

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The PSS program opened my eyes to social justice issues that I had not previously considered and allowed me to meet some of the most impressive and talented individuals I know."



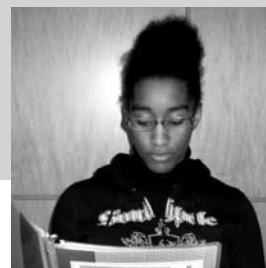
**DIANA GERGEL**  
ASHEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
History and Political  
Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon
  - Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, INSPIRE

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Travel throughout Southeast Asia, then a PhD in African history

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program has had a formative impact on what I plan to do after college."



**TIA GOLDEN**  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Anthropology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Second Ward High School
  - Relay for Life
  - Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has greatly impacted my life. It has changed my career path for the better. I still would like to become a doctor but now I would like to use my medical experience to serve underprivileged populations."



**LAURA GONZALEZ**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Sociology and Spanish  
(Romance Languages)

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Orange County Family Violence Prevention Center
  - Raleigh Parks and Recreation ESL Department
  - Frank Porter Graham Elementary School

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a Master of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill

"The service I have performed over the last four years has helped me to see firsthand social inequalities and has sparked in me a great desire to fight against these. It has further inspired me to become a social worker."



**LAURIE GRAHAM**  
MATTHEWS,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Sociology and Psychology

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
  - Frank Porter Graham Elementary School
  - United Way of Chatham County

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a Master of Social Work

"When I entered Public Service Scholars, I simply envisioned an opportunity to be connected with service projects. However, I found much more. I leave now with a goal to incorporate these service experiences into my future career. I aim to devote my life to serving others in whatever capacity I find myself best suited as my interests continue to develop and grow within the field of social work."



**PRINCE GRAY**  
**AUBURN, ALABAMA**

**MAJOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Club Nova
- Minority Association of Pre-Health Students
- NC-HCAP Health Careers Club

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach for America

"The Public Service Scholars program gave my service a structure, and encouraged me to have a passion that I engaged with directed purpose. I have discovered that service is my method by which to impact change in the world, and I seek to impact that change and empower people in both education and in medicine."



**LINDSAY GUGE**  
**ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Psychology and Peace, War and Defense

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Campus Y
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach English abroad or intern with a nonprofit organization in the U.S.

"The Public Service Scholars program allowed me to connect with other like-minded students at UNC and allowed me to try a wide range of service opportunities I might not have otherwise heard of. Being a Public Service Scholar promoted a spirit of volunteerism and activism throughout my time at Carolina."



**KATIE HALES**  
**BROGDEN, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
History

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Camino Seguro (Safe Passage)
- The Arc of Orange County

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"The people I have come to know through my volunteer work have taught me to see my life through fresh eyes. As a lawyer, I intend to better as many lives as I am able, always keeping in mind the experiences I have had and the people who have affected my life. Being a Public Service Scholar is an honor; one that will daily remind me to be humble, kind and thankful."



**RACHEL HARPER**  
**CARY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- North Carolina Hillel
- Earth Share of North Carolina
- Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"Through the Public Service Scholars program I have had the opportunity to use my knowledge from the classroom in real world situations. I have discovered new techniques that will help me to explain difficult scientific concepts and how they relate to our health on a global and personal scale."



**KRISTIN HARTLEY**  
**RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and Administration (Public Health)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Rex Healthcare
- Carolina Cancer Focus
- Girl Scout Troop 1402

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a Master of Health Administration

"My experience with the Public Service Scholars program has been extremely positive. The program has motivated me to continually look for new community service opportunities and has allowed me to look back on all of my community service efforts throughout my time at Carolina. My experiences in becoming a Public Service Scholar have helped to build my character and career ambitions."



**ASHLEY HEDGES**  
**FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Philosophy and Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Circle K International
- Boys and Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw, NC
- UNC Hospitals

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pharmacy school

"The Public Service Scholars program was extremely beneficial, because it provided a way to organize my community service efforts and to visualize the impact I was indeed having at both a local and global level. The program further taught me that like any other valuable skill, there is a lot to learn about public service that enables one to become even more effective in one's attempt to assist others."



ANTONIA HELBLING  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**MAJOR**  
Biomedical Engineering

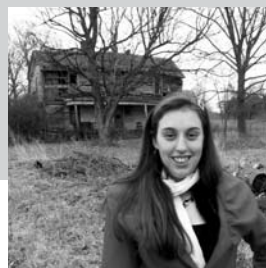
**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Engineering World Health
- Honor Council
- Paseo del Rio Association

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"I have been involved in service most of my life, and the Public Service Scholars program has helped me focus and refine my efforts. It encouraged me to engage fully in my volunteer activities, to reflect upon them and to purposefully seek out ways to improve my skill set and to contribute more effectively."



HOLLY HERNANDEZ  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Economics and  
International Studies

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Carolina Troop Supporters
- Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
- Alpha Phi Omega

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Army officer

"In the Public Service Scholars program I have had a forum to share about my service and learn from the service of others. I hope to take these lessons and apply them to my career of service."



CHERNELLE HILL  
FAYETTEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and  
Administration (Public  
Health)

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Communiversity
- Habitat for Humanity
- Campus Health, HIV/AIDS education and testing

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Attend graduate school

"My experiences have affected my understanding of myself and the world. They have aided in shaping my future and in the realization of my responsibilities to society beyond my collegiate accomplishments."



LATORYA HILL  
SALISBURY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
International Studies

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- North Carolina Health Careers Access Program
- Residence Hall Association
- UNC Hospitals

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work and attend nursing school

"My service throughout my college journey has impacted me, and hopefully others along the way. What I learned is beyond measure! But what I have learned most importantly is a better vision for the future. Through service I have learned that the desire to give is the best asset one can have, because a desire to give is a desire to live a life not just for oneself, but a life for everyone!"



ERICA HILLER  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Campus Y, Youth for Elderly Service
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, School Reading Partners
- Ronald McDonald House

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Attend graduate school for Education

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided an avenue for me to continue and record my love for public service. The PSS program has allowed me to meet other people with similar goals and ambitions, and to collaborate with members to increase the quantity and quality of my public service endeavors. Public service has provided an incredible way for me to see first-hand what is involved in fields and careers that interest me; and I have made numerous meaningful connections along the way."



SANDRA HINDERLITER  
GREENSBORO,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies and  
Asian Studies

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Nourish International
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach for America

"Through my experience with Public Service Scholars, I discovered what an impact people can have on others without even realizing it. I learned that individuals can make important differences through grassroots efforts, and service is not always about a financial donation – it is often the small actions we do that will have a more lasting impact on a person. I will always treasure the service opportunities I have had through PSS!"



**AMY HOLTER**  
GREENVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass  
Communication and  
Psychology

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Presbyterian Campus Ministry
- Elliott Woods Tutoring Program
- Nourish International

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Internship in Cape Town,  
South Africa

"Public Service Scholars has given me the structure to make my service meaningful and pertinent to my future endeavors."



**RENISHA HOWARD**  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Psychology and Sociology

**MINOR**

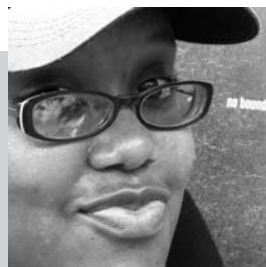
Social and Economic Justice

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Hospitals
- Minority Advisor
- Glenwood Elementary School

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work, Peace Corps,  
graduate school

"Up until this point I never really considered myself to be a teacher. However, after working with the children at my various programs there will always be a hunger to have a career dealing with education in some sort of way in my heart."



**KENNETRA IRBY**  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

**MAJOR**  
Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**MINOR**

Anthropology

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Hospitals
- NAACP, UNC Chapter
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work in college recruitment  
or advising, then graduate  
school

"The Public Service Scholars program cultivates in students a selfless work ethic. As a member of the program I have realized our interconnectedness and that we stand on the shoulders of those before us while supporting those who will come after us. I now know that service can manifest itself in the slightest gesture or action; you only need to keep your eyes and heart open."



**ASHELYN JAMES**  
GOLDSBORO,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies  
and Spanish (Romance  
Languages)

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
- Theta Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Accenture Development Partnerships

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for Accenture  
Consulting

"When I first entered the PSS program, I had a very limited understanding of service. My goal was merely to volunteer whenever I could and meet like-minded individuals on campus. However, I now wish to find a connection to service in all of my endeavors and seek more unconventional ways to positively affect my community. Without this program I wouldn't have been able to see the bigger picture and understand the true depth of service."



**MANSI KACHALIA**  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

**MAJOR**  
Economics

**MINOR**

Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Projects Abroad, Ghana
- UNC Hospitals
- Campus Y

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach for America

"I have learned a lot through my service to the community in the past four years. Through my various experiences I have had the opportunity to meet some of the most amazing and inspiring people. Volunteering has helped me grow as an individual and I found that my passion lies in service. I will continue to serve in future endeavors, keeping in mind the life lessons from my service thus far."



**JOSH KAHN**  
REISTERSTOWN, MARYLAND

**MAJOR**  
Business

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Undergraduate Honor System
- Orange County Animal Shelter
- UNC Dance Marathon

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for Deloitte  
Consulting

"Being enrolled in the Public Service Scholars program has provided a tangible goal of how much service to aim for during my time at Carolina and has also forced me to gain some formal training and to learn more about the broader sense of community service."





JESSICA KAPLAN  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Cognitive Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carnivore Preservation Trust
  - The Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund
  - Indianapolis Zoo

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a zoo or aquarium

"My volunteer experience through PSS has greatly impacted my career goals. I went from an inexperienced 18-year-old who wanted to work with animals to a passionate soon-to-be-graduate wanting to make a difference for the environment and the creatures that inhabit it. I plan on taking what I have learned through my volunteering to further increase awareness of conservation issues."



ELBY KATUMKEERYIL  
BURLINGTON,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Sunrise Children's Village

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has really provided the opportunity for me to look at my individual volunteer efforts collectively. In doing so, I can see trends in the types of activities I gravitate towards, and can reminisce over how my experiences have evolved over the years."



ALIA KHAN  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Environmental Health  
Science (Public Health)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Resource Development International, Cambodia
  - Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
  - Engineers Without Borders, UNC Chapter

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school and work for Outward Bound

"The PSS program offered me immense opportunities for which I am incredibly grateful. These experiences, such as the Outward Bound scholarship, and community-based SURF for conducting field research in Cambodia, have truly impacted my life. I will forever be thankful for the opportunities which the PSS program has offered me."



MANAL KHAN  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Public Policy and  
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - North Carolina Museum of Art
  - Carolina Navigators

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Each of the requirements of the Public Service Scholars program has made me more appreciative of the importance of service in our communities and the program overall has increased my desire to incorporate service into everything I do in the future."



EMILY KISER  
ELON, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Spanish

**MINOR**  
Anthropology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Extended Disaster Relief
  - Planned Parenthood

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Coming into college I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. In fact, I had no major or minor until my junior year. The Public Service Scholars program clarified for me that, whatever path I take, I want to serve and help others. I hope to combine my Spanish skills and my interest in public health in my future career path in order to help as many individuals as I can."



EMILY KOCHY  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
  - Kidzu Children's Museum
  - YMCA Afterschool Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach in North Carolina's public schools

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to meet others who share the same drive and dedication to service that I have. I feel honored to be a part of this group that considers public service a worthy and rewarding cause."



AMY KUCHENREUTHER  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
German

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Lutheran Campus Ministries
- Orange County Special Olympics
- University of North Carolina Kidney Center

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Volunteer in Africa

"Service has always been important to me, and being a Public Service Scholar has opened many doors for me to serve communities in need. Through my experiences, I have learned to be a leader, to follow instructions, to break down large goals into tangible tasks, and to appreciate teamwork."



JAMIE KUNTZ  
GREENSBORO,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Exercise and Sport Science

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Freedom House
- Camp Tekoa
- UNC Dance Marathon

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has broadened my horizon and given me the ability to see the impact that one person or a group of people can have on a community."



KELSEY KUSTERER  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass Communication and Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Carolina Navigators
- ESL tutoring

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"I have learned that the most meaningful type of service to me is when I am committed to a specific service I can engage in on a weekly basis. For example, I enjoyed building a relationship with the students I tutored as an ESL tutor. I think it was a beneficial process to both of us because I could watch the progress the student made, and they could recognize my commitment to their success because I returned each week."



ALLISON LALANE  
BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and Administration (Public Health)

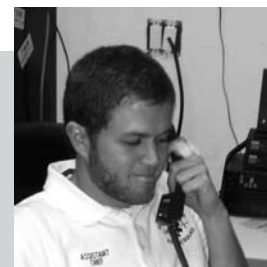
**MINOR**  
Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- A Helping Hand
- Hands of Hospice
- Students for Students International (S4Si)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars greatly enriched my college experience. I have had so many wonderful opportunities to serve my campus and my community in the past four years. Public Service Scholars has really helped me keep things in perspective and has made me realize the importance of always trying to have a positive impact on the world."



CAMERON LAMBERT  
KNIGHTDALE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- South Orange Rescue Squad
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Association for Carolina Emergency Response and Injury Prevention (ACERIP)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"My experiences working with the Public Service Scholars program, South Orange Rescue Squad, and ACERIP have allowed me to develop as a student and citizen. Through my volunteer experiences I have had the unique opportunity to work with incredibly diverse and interesting groups of people and have led me to discover and pursue my dream of practicing medicine and improving the health of the community."



KORSICA LASSITER  
WILLIAMSTON,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Communiversity
- NAACP, UNC Chapter
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"There is greatness in each and every person who chooses to spend their time helping others. It is not always easy but it should always be meaningful."



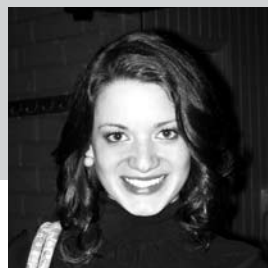
EMMA LAWRENCE  
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Public Policy and  
Psychology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Project Heal
  - Teaching and Projects Abroad
  - Campus Y, SAT Solutions

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Post-baccalaureate program and medical school

"My experience with the Public Service Scholars program showed me the importance of collaborating with community partners in initiating proactive and sustainable change. Engaging with like-minded peers changed the way that I view public service and inspired me to become a more involved and socially conscious individual."



LAUREN LAY  
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

**MAJOR**  
Communications Studies

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Speech Garden Institute, Inc.
  - People Helping People of North Carolina
  - Kidzu Children's Museum

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach abroad and graduate school

"The Public Service Scholars program enables like-minded individuals to work alongside one another to create positive change in the lives of those who are in need and in the community at large. The program encourages students to see the world through others' eyes, an objective that is often difficult but always rewarding. My experiences through the Public Service Scholars program have given me a new and greater perspective on life, and for that, I am thankful."



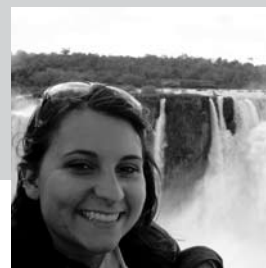
ANNA LEE  
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Business and English

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - International Justice Mission
  - Inter-Faith Council for Social Service

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Travel and work

"As a Carolina Public Service Scholar, I learned a lot about service, myself, and others. My service activities will be some of the most memorable things I take with me as a Carolina graduate."



MARIANNE LENNON  
BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

**MAJOR**  
Biology and Spanish

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina
  - Instituto Dois Irmaos
  - Fundacion Pilotos Solidarios

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work abroad, then medical school

"Public Service Scholars has helped me integrate my love for language and health with helping others and giving back to my community. It has shown me that we need not focus on just one isolated issue, but strive to take a holistic view of service."



HILLARY LIEBLER  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and Spanish

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Mujeres Avanzando hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
  - UNC Dance Marathon
  - EMT Orange County

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"PSS has given me an incentive and a mission to do health-related work in underserved communities. The skills and ambition that I possess are of greater use and reward when they are given to those in need."



STEPHANIE LIU  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

**MAJOR**  
Economics

**DOUBLE MINOR**  
Social Entrepreneurship and Chinese

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Nourish International
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Durham Scholars Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Finally learn the banjo

"Participating in this program has encouraged me to see service in a more multifaceted way. It gave me the opportunity to delve into complex social issues, understand the context in which I was working, and reflect on the impact of my service. Overall, the program made public service a more holistic and meaningful experience."



**SIERRA LONG**  
GREENVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and  
Administration (Public  
Health)

**MINOR**  
Environmental Health  
Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program, summer in Guadalajara, Mexico
  - Durham County Health Department
  - National Society of Collegiate Scholars

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with unique opportunities to work with a variety of people. Each of these experiences has opened my mind in many different ways and given me more in return than I ever could have imagined. Long after graduating, I will continue to participate in public service and cherish memories of my service at UNC."



**KATE LUETTICH**  
MOREHEAD CITY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

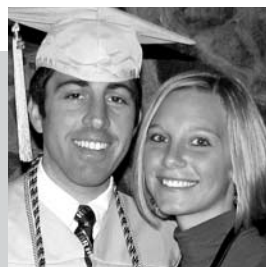
**MAJOR**  
Exercise and Sport Science

**MINOR**  
Recreation and Leisure  
Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Autism Society of North Carolina, Camp Royall
  - Brain Injury Association of North Carolina, Adventure Camp
  - Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-Handicapped Children (TEACCH)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school for  
occupational therapy

"In the fall, I will be attending graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill for Occupational Therapy with a specific interest in early intervention for children with autism. Without the encouragement from the Public Service Scholars program, I do not think I would have taken the time to explore as many facets of the autism world to the extent that I did."



**ALICIA LUMAN**  
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Global Medical Brigades
  - Girls on the Run
  - Camp G.R.A.C.E.

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school in Speech-  
Language Pathology

"Through being a Public Service Scholar, I have learned my abilities, strengths, challenges, and talents that I hope to use to impact others in the future through service and volunteering."



**ANTHONY MAGLIONE**  
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Student Action with Workers
  - Feminist Students United

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law School...eventually

"The Public Service Scholars program provided me with a way to log my service hours and hold myself accountable to the extent at which I am participating in the community. It allowed me to electronically see the progress I have made as an individual while at UNC."



**ANNA MARSHALL**  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Latin American Studies and  
Comparative Literature

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon
  - English as a Second Language tutoring
  - Rainbow Soccer

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Study in Argentina

"In all the service events in which I have participated over the last four years, each one has taught me a valuable lesson: giving is the most motivational and memorable activity in life."



**BRITTNEY MARTIN**  
EAGLE SPRINGS,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Political Science and  
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
  - Teach For America
  - Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach For America, eastern  
North Carolina

"The Public Service Scholars program pushed me to do much more service work than I may have originally planned, and I am a much more well-rounded person because of it. This program is demanding, but very doable. Requirements breed a heart for service work within our communities that I hope will continue for many more students."





**MEREDITH MARTINDALE**  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
American Studies

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Young Life Africa
  - Kappa Delta
  - Durham Academy

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Through service, I have attempted to extend our University's philosophy of teaching and learning beyond its own borders, and even beyond the Chapel Hill community. I want the Carolina experience to cross borders locally, regionally, nationally, and even internationally. These two deeply tied entities—Carolina and service—are now a strong part of me that, hopefully, will run deep far into my future."



**RACHEL MCINTURFF**  
MOORESVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Environmental Health  
Science (Public Health)

**MINOR**  
Urban Studies and Planning

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Alpha Phi Omega
  - UNC Dance Marathon
  - TABLE

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"This program has truly given me the chance to track the progress I have made in this community. I have learned through a variety of experiences and hope to take these skills with me for the rest of my life."



**OREN MECHANIC**  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

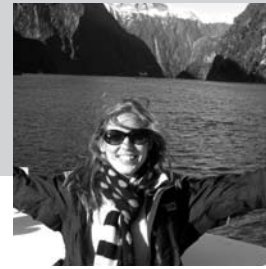
**MAJOR**  
Nutrition

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Extended Disaster Relief
  - Global Village

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"As a Public Service Scholar, I was able to travel and learn from people that are vastly different than me. Furthermore, the service that I provided has broadened my perspective on others' needs and desires to sustain a healthy life."



**JENNIFER MILIKOWSKY**  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and History

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Archway Foundation
  - Lance Armstrong Foundation
  - Carnivore Preservation Trust

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Wildlife conservation  
field work

"Public Service Scholars has allowed me to explore all areas of service and in doing so I have learned new ways of combining service and my future career."



**ADAM MILLER**  
GASTONIA,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Autism Society of North Carolina
  - Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Orange County
  - Casa Hogar

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a PhD in clinical  
psychology

"Words really do no justice to the experience of being a Public Service Scholar. Through scholarship, service, and community-based learning, the Public Service Scholars program has taught me to give back to the community around me and abroad as I learn my field of study at this great university. Indeed, I have been instilled with the values of public service, and I hope that my future career will carry this knowledge forward."



**JOHN MILNER**  
ASHEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Nutrition

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program, Global Service-Learning Committee
  - UNC Hospitals
  - Camp Chestnut Ridge

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with experiences that have greatly impacted the last four years of my life. The knowledge learned and skills attained during my participation in the PSS program will stay with me as I continue to participate in service."



**LYNNETTE MINER**  
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

**MAJOR**  
Political Science

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Durham Scholars Program
- Students Advancing in Leadership
- American Civil Liberties Union

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Volunteer in Rwanda, then move to Washington, D.C. and work at SRA International

"As I look back on the service work I have done during my years in college, I realize how much I have matured over just a few years. As an only child of a single parent, I have always been mature for my age and aware of life's challenges. Because of my public service experience, however, I feel a heightened awareness of the complex issues affecting our society and determination to continue fighting for social justice."



**OLA MOHAMED**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Education

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Muslim Students Association
- Carolina Navigators, Center for Global Initiatives

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate studies

"My experiences in the Public Service Scholars program helped me to not only contribute to my community, but shape my future plans as well. I plan to pursue graduate studies in history, government or politics and continue serving and teaching. I strongly believe being a Public Service Scholar has inspired this path I now pursue."



**JANIE MOORE**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and Administration (Public Health)

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- Southwest Central Durham's Quality of Life Project
- Dieu Giac Orphanage

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for one year, then join the Peace Corps

"Public Service Scholars has motivated me to broaden my service experiences and to participate in community efforts to eliminate economic and social injustice. These opportunities have expanded my awareness of the complex societal inequities which continue to afflict both local and global communities. Throughout this program, I have strengthened my understanding of how community members can work together to achieve positive social change."



**ASHLEY MORELEN**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Nursing

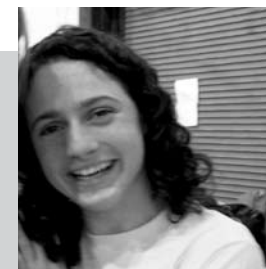
**MINOR**  
Anthropology

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- South Orange Rescue Squad
- UNC Hospitals
- UNC's Transforming Care for Children with Chronic Illnesses Collaborative

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work as a registered nurse, then graduate school

"As a Public Service Scholar, I had the opportunity to work with a diverse group of individuals in a variety of service settings. For me, the best part about this program is to think of the countless number of lives who have been touched in unimaginable ways by the altruistic efforts of my fellow students. I love how small efforts can make the biggest differences."



**ADELE MOSER**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Hospitals
- Kidzu Children's Museum
- Rainbow Soccer

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program at UNC provided the framework, support, and access to help structure and motivate my service while at UNC. It helped me to connect with the organizations that I was most interested in, and provided a springboard for me to continue my work for the community in the future."



**KARA MURPHY**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Political Science

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- Chapel Hill High School Academy of the Arts, Scene and Heard
- Campus Crossroads Missions

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
University of North Carolina School of Law

"Public Service Scholars not only gave me an opportunity to expand my knowledge of social justice through serving community organizations but also helped to guide my future career goals. I will be attending law school in the fall to further my studies of social justice so that I can continue to work to secure social justice within my community."



**SARAH NICHOLLS**  
**CHARLOTTE,**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
Business

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Best Buddies
- GlobeAware, Kenan-Flagler Business School
- Prevent Child Abuse America

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Travel and teach English abroad

"In the future, I hope to pursue other service opportunities given my great satisfaction with those at UNC. Service provides a two-way street: you offer something one needs or lacks and in exchange you gain the chance for personal growth. During my service projects, I have gained a new sense of love, poverty, appreciation, adaptability, passion, and friendship. I signed up to give what I could and ended up receiving much more than expected."



**BRITTANY NIVENS**  
**CHARLOTTE,**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
International Studies

**MINOR**

Social and Economic Justice

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- GOLD-N-LOVE
- Delta Sigma Theta

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Volunteer with a corps program like Teach for America

"Being a Public Service Scholar above all has taught me to look at performing service in a new way: action without knowledge is a waste of energy and knowledge without action is a waste of knowledge. Simply performing service without knowing why you're doing it doesn't help to end the problem; there is always a why and that is what you have to find out, and then act."



**EMILY NIX**  
**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Mathematics and Economics

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Summerbridge, New Orleans
- Campus Y, Table Talk, ACC Food Fight and Executive Board
- Click Drive

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Graduate school in economics

"The Public Service Scholars program is unique in that it brings academics and service together, allowing the two to enhance each other. As such, the Public Service Scholars program gives me confidence that my plan to attend graduate school in economics in order to gain tools to measure what does and doesn't work in addressing poverty and development is a valuable and potentially transformative course of action."



**KATHERINE OBEREMBO**  
**GALESBURG, ILLINOIS**

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
English and History

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Bronx Defenders
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- Maati Women's Collective

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Law school

"During my time as a Public Service Scholar, I have embraced the fact that I am personally responsible for the condition of my community. I want to spend my life working to create positive change in my community and in the lives of those around me."



**CINDY ORR**  
**CHARLOTTE,**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Camp Kesem
- Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Graduate studies to become a physician assistant

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided such a productive outlet for me to channel my energies in a positive way. I am continually reminded every time I serve of how much more I receive than I give. There are so many enjoyable facets to service that I can't imagine ever being disinterested or removed from it."



**MICHELLE OSTROWSKI**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Hospitals
- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- UNC Dance Marathon

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work

"I've had an absolutely wonderful experience with Public Service Scholars. In addition to keeping me motivated to continue serving in my community, it has enabled me to keep track of all the service I've performed over the years. It's nice to look back and remember things I've done. Partly because of PSS, I will continue to volunteer after college."



JACLYN PARDINI  
HUNTERSVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass  
Communication and  
American Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- BounceBack Kids
  - St. Mark's Catholic Church Preschool
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars has truly opened my mind to the importance of providing young kids with enrichment opportunities that help them develop and grow in all aspects of their lives."



MEAGAN PARSONS  
ROCKINGHAM,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
  - A Helping Hand
  - Global Medical Brigades

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate studies to become a physician assistant

"My experience as a Public Service Scholar has been absolutely incredible. I learned so much about the vast need in our communities around us and the small steps that can be taken by even a single individual to bridge the disparity gap. I know that service will be a part of my life for years to come."



HIRAL PATEL  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Delta Phi Omega
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"When I first joined the Public Service Scholars program, I thought it would be a good way to force me to volunteer. However, throughout the program, I developed a passion and love of service. I jump at the opportunity to do something in order to give back. I've been able to experience such a large spectrum of service as well."



NEHA PATEL  
KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Psychology and  
Communications Studies

**MINOR**  
Artistic Entrepreneurship

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Arts Center of Carrboro
  - Sangam
  - Lenoir County American Red Cross

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a music licensing company

"Through the Public Service Scholars program, I feel I have grown as an individual and made an impact on my local communities. Through volunteering, I have met interesting people, experienced unique situations, and seen real improvement in the communities I work with. I have learned both practical and personal lessons that I will carry with me in my future endeavors."



OHM PATEL  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Sangam
  - Delta Delta Sigma

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Dental school

"Working with children with illnesses through Project Sunshine has taught me a lot about how they think and different ways they can be comforted. This has inspired me to pursue a career in pediatric dentistry."



CAYLEY PATER  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Linguistics

**MINOR**  
Asian Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
  - One World Market
  - UNC Bahai Club

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach English in Austria

"I have found that the most inspirational and moving moments in college have not occurred so much in the classroom, but more through the relationships I have made serving others through PSS. When I imagine my career in the future, I want to always feel what these teaching experiences have given me: a sense of responsibility, pride in my work, and connection to the students I am serving."





**PREETY PATIDAR**  
PLYMOUTH,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Management and Society

**MINOR**  
African and Afro-American  
Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Alpha Phi Omega
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - ACRA (AIDS Community Residence Association)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Americorps

"The Public Service Scholars program has been the perfect environment for me to expand my service interests and lead me to realize my passion for service. In an ever-changing world full of knowledge, excellence, and higher learning, people are given opportunities that only come once in a lifetime. Public Service Scholars has helped me move towards my goals in life and has helped me to improve my skills, preparing me for my future endeavors."



**MEREDITH PECK**  
HOLDEN BEACH,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass  
Communication and  
Psychology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program, summer internship
  - Olympics summer internship

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has enabled me to learn and grow through positive experiences in my community. I have gained the necessary skills to make a true difference in the world."



**SARAH PERRY**  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Business

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
  - Alpha Phi Omega
  - AIDS Community Residence Association (ACRA)

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars has provided me a great connection between the campus and local community agencies. I will carry the experiences and lessons that I learned in Public Service Scholars in everything I pursue in life. I am thankful for Public Service Scholars strengthening my desire for service while at UNC."



**STEPHANIE PITT**  
CORNELIUS,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Economics

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Agape Corner Boarding School
  - Young Life
  - District of Columbia Public Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The experiences I have had through the Public Service Scholars program have been a highlight of my four years at UNC. My experiences through PSS have most definitely impacted me more than the individuals and communities that I have served. They have opened my eyes and challenged me to think more deeply about the issues facing our nation and world. I desire to continue to strengthen my commitment to community service throughout my future endeavors."



**PHILLIP PLESS**  
ROCKWELL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
History

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Rowan Helping Ministries
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Campus Y

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work internationally

"Public Service Scholars has allowed me to thoroughly explore the relationship between knowledge and experience. It has also become a natural extension of my lifelong commitment to service, my communities, and my peers."



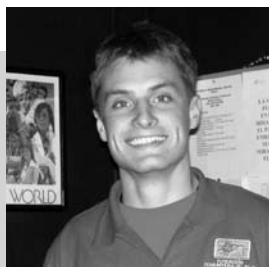
**KRISTA POOL**  
MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass  
Communication and  
English

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Relay For Life
  - The Full Belly Project
  - The American Cancer Society

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school

"Public Service Scholars has taught me that service is infinite and expands into all aspects of our lives. Service has defined me as an individual, a student and community member. We all have the power to change the future, to improve the lives of ourselves and others. Through our efforts, we can find a cure for cancer, we can help the homeless, and we can improve each corner of the world, one human being at a time."



**DUSTIN PRUSIK**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and Spanish

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Nourish International
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - UNC Hospitals

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Dental school

"Public Service Scholars has taught me to be compassionate and hard-working when it comes to serving others. I hope to use the lessons I learned while in the program to provide an unmatched level of personal care to future patients, as well as lead a selfless and rewarding life."



**KAILA RAMSEY**  
FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Religious Studies and Sociology

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Public Service and Advocacy Committee of Student Government
  - World Camp for Kids
  - Helping Hands

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Peace Corps

"Being a Public Service Scholar allowed me to find my niche at Carolina: incorporating service into what I was learning in the classroom and laying the foundation for a lifetime of public service. My experiences through PSS uniquely shaped my undergraduate experience and helped prepare me to enter the public sector post-graduation. This program embodies the adage, 'service is a response to the privilege of education.'"



**MEREDITH ROBB**  
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Nutrition

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina Pediatric Attention, Love, and Support (CPALS)
  - Best Buddies
  - Relay for Life

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work in Spain, then graduate school for public health

"The Public Scholars program helped me define my role in the community and provided me with opportunities to serve. My experiences gave me an understanding of the importance of service, and this has impacted all my plans for the future."



**BENJAMIN ROE**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Business

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- AmeriCorps
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - UNC Peer Tutoring

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"I feel that my time with the Public Service Scholars has given me a greater appreciation for public service. My experiences volunteering over the past two years with the program have motivated me to consider pursuing a career in either the public or nonprofit sector."



**DOUGLAS ROMNEY**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Philosophy

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Global Medical Brigades
  - Orange Water and Sewer Authority
  - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"This program encouraged me to pursue opportunities in service that have enriched my educational experience."



**EMILY ROTHCHILD**  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

**MAJOR**  
Music

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Students for Students International (S4Si)
  - Student Government
  - Carolina Music Outreach

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a PhD in Ethnomusicology

"Before coming to Carolina, service was something that I knew I should do. Upon graduating as a Public Service Scholar, I now realize that service is something I must do. For not only can I help enrich the lives of others, but in turn, every person I help enriches mine."



**AUSTIN ROUSE**  
KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Public Policy and Political Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Hands On New Orleans
  - Center for Teaching Quality
  - Chapel Hill YMCA

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has helped me to facilitate a lifelong passion of service. My experiences in the program allowed me to match my passions with a way to give back. The inspiration and motivation of the different people I met along the way made it the most fulfilling aspect of my time at Carolina."



**KRISTELL SANCHEZ**  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Communications Studies

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
  - Communiversity
  - Head Start Elementary School

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a year, then graduate school, live life to the fullest by dancing all of the time

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to combine skills that I have learned through skills trainings and service learning classes to provide the community with better volunteer services. This program has definitely enhanced my Carolina experience. Throughout my service I was able to see the great impact that just one person can have on a community and I am grateful for being that one person."



**SHOKO SATOH**  
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Political Science and International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Breakthrough Collaborative
  - UNC Admissions Office
  - Nourish International

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work in education

"All of my experiences in the Public Service Scholars program have absolutely shaped my decision to pursue a future in education with the hope that I can help close the education gap here at home and abroad."



**JESSIE SCHMITZ**  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Latin American Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina Microfinance Initiative
  - Chispa Chicos
  - American Red Cross

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Walk

"Through service I have had the opportunity to connect with many different people and they have shaped who I am and my perspective on and plans for life."



**HILARY SCHRONCE**  
STANLEY, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass Communication and Communications Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y, Catalyst Conference
  - Carolina Week
  - Center for Civil Rights

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"Public Service Scholars is an inspirational program that keeps you honest about your volunteering. It encourages you to find your passions through trainings and APPLS service-learning classes. And, ultimately it makes you a more qualified and effective leader and community activist."



**SARAH SCHTAKLEFF**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Public Policy and International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Full Belly Project
  - The Willett Law Firm
  - UNC Hospitals

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program enabled me to work with people and organizations throughout North Carolina and has provided me with numerous skills that I will be able to use in all aspects of my life."



**KOSHA SHAH**  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

**MAJOR**  
Health Policy and  
Administration (Public  
Health)

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Delta Delta Sigma
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Residence Hall Association

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Dental school

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to reflect on my service experiences that have enhanced my undergraduate career. More importantly, it has aided in my development of leadership skills, which will be utilized as I enter a career in dentistry."



**SARAH SHAH**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Political Science and  
History

**MINOR**  
Journalism and Mass  
Communication

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Young Democrats
- UNC Best Buddies
- Uganda Village Project

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Through Public Service Scholars and its related service opportunities, I have learned a lot of important things about myself and the communities in which I live. My service experiences at Carolina have instilled in me a desire to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector or in field organizing and campaign work."



**SUSAN SHMANIA**  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Linguistics

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Circle K International
- Boys and Girls Homes of NC
- YMCA

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
AmeriCorps

"The Public Service Scholars program has taught me new skills, opened my eyes to the many areas and wide variety of service, as well as helped me organize my volunteer service and given me a more meaningful, memorable, and inspiring experience here at Carolina."



**MICHELLE SHOWALTER**  
LEWISVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
History and Political  
Science

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Relay for Life
- Amnesty International

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a Master of Arts in  
teaching

"Participation in the Public Service Scholars program had an unexpected impact: watching my peers commit to serving the community and learning about the amazing projects they were involved in inspired me and shaped my beliefs about education. UNC is devoted to recruiting students with a heart for service and cultivating their talents so that they can serve effectively. As a future educator, that is the lesson I hope to take from this experience and use to enrich my students' lives."



**MORGAN SIEM**  
CHAPEL HILL,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass  
Communication

**MINOR**  
Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Camp Kesem
- Durham Arts Council
- El Centro Latino

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a publishing  
house

"Through the program, I learned that there is always a need for people's time and care, even more so than a need for their money. Also, I learned to never go into a situation thinking you know all the solutions."



**LAUREN SLIVE**  
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

**MAJOR**  
Public Policy

**MINOR**  
Social and Economic Justice

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Project Heal
- Center for Adolescent Health and the Law
- Campus Y

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"My public service experience during my time at Carolina has been dynamic. I have had incredible opportunities to work internationally, in the community, and on campus, all of which have contributed to a well-rounded service philosophy that I will continue to pursue in the future."





**MICHAEL SNOW**  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
History and Political  
Science

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Rainbow Soccer
  - Common Cause North Carolina

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Teach For America, New Orleans

"The Public Service Scholars program provided the framework and support that allowed me to develop my passion for service throughout college. The program teaches us that we can all have a significant and direct impact on people and their communities. I will further the skills learned and insights gained from the Public Service Scholars program for the next few years with Teach For America in New Orleans and beyond."



**ANDREA SORCE**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Economics and  
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Relay for Life
  - Scholars' Latino Initiative
  - Breakthrough Collaborative

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Public service has been the heart of my UNC experience, through everything from summer teaching to community fundraising. My experiences have connected me with some amazing people who share my passions and goals, and I have learned how easy it is for individuals and groups to make a difference, especially at a place like UNC. After this, I cannot imagine myself in a career that doesn't involve public service."



**KIAYNI SPEARMAN**  
FAYETTEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Public Policy and Sociology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - UNC Hospitals

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program has taught me that service is not just a part of life but it is a way of life."



**MEREDITH SPIVEY**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Psychology and Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Native Health Initiative
  - UNC Hospitals
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work abroad

"The Public Service Scholars program has made me really look at the world through other peoples' eyes; be they a child's, an American Indian's, a new mother's, a cancer patient's or whomever's. I now look to understand, rather than overlook, those in need. Public service comes down to human connections and becoming realized, with the help of the helped, through selfless action."



**NATHAN STERN**  
DENVER, COLORADO

**MAJOR**  
Management and Society

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- North Carolina Hillel
  - Club Nova Thrift Shop
  - Big Buddy

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for Service Employees  
International Union

"The Public Service Scholars program has empowered me to work with segments of the community of which I knew little prior to enrolling. I feel more confident as a result of interacting with a wide variety of people, and I know that I can make a positive impact on my community and beyond. I plan on my graduation from the Public Service Scholars program to mark only the beginning of my commitment to public service."



**CAROLINE STOVER**  
WINSTON-SALEM,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Political Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Extended Disaster Relief
  - Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
  - Chatham County Social Health Council

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Peace Corps

"The PSS program has taught me the importance of each type of service, as it encouraged me to explore its different sectors."



**CHARNELL SUTTON**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Exercise and Sport Science

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- General Alumni Association Service Committee, Big Buddy Program
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Volunteers and Partners for Education, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Dental school

"I have learned, even more so than before, to be appreciative of how blessed I am and realized that some things that seemed important should not have been anywhere near the top of my priority list. I have a new appreciation for life and the opportunities I have, and will now and forever be committed to providing service. I will do service for the rest of my life because of my experiences with Public Service Scholars."



**BROOKE SWINSON**  
MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Exercise and Sport Science

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- UNC Hospitals
- Animal Protection Society of Orange County
- UNC Dance Marathon

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a doctor of physical therapy at East Carolina University

"The Public Service Scholars program has given me an outlet for my volunteer activities and taught me numerous skills necessary for life-long service. I feel that PSS has been a wonderful part of my Carolina experience. It has made me realize the importance of assistance and advocacy for all. Involvement in the program has inspired me to continue giving back to people throughout my lifetime."



**RACHEL TAYLOR**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Religious Studies

**MINOR**  
Environmental Sciences and Studies

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Living-Learning Communities, UNC Housing and Residential Education
- North Carolina schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a year, then go to seminary

"Public Service Scholars has been a way for me to network with other people who also want to serve, but in very different worlds. I have limited my scope to faith-based and housing, but PSS helped me to meet people in Greek life and other organizations. PSS helped me to get a greater context for all of the wonderful things that are happening in Chapel Hill and Carrboro."



**THAO-VAN THAI**  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Management and Society and Sociology

**MINOR**  
Social Entrepreneurship

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Children of Vietnam
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, Community Kitchen
- Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school or start a social venture that will impact the disabled population in Vietnam

"I learned from Public Service Scholars that no matter how much you can contribute, the impact is always appreciated by those involved. The Public Service Scholars program has inspired me to find creative ways to alleviate problems that exist in our society."



**JACOB THOMAS**  
MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Best Buddies
- Global Medical Brigades
- UNC Hospitals

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"It was not until I became involved with the Public Service Scholars program that I was able to truly understand the impact of my service for those that I worked with and for myself. Through volunteering, I developed a service mentality that I know will assist me in my future career. The memories I have made as a member of this program are some of the greatest of all of my college experiences."



**HAYLEY THOMPSON**  
BRISTOL, ENGLAND

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Anthropology and Psychology

**MINOR**  
Social Entrepreneurship

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- Campus Y
- Charles House
- Latino Swim Clinic

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"I cannot imagine my time at Carolina without public service; it was integral to my time here and shaped my experiences. It will continue to be a big part of my life moving forward."



**TRAVIS THOMPSON**  
CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- South Orange Rescue Squad (SORS)
  - Latino Swim Clinic
  - Habitat for Humanity

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"While I participated in service projects before being part of PSS, the program has helped me learn to focus on different areas other than just service. Learning how to become a more effective volunteer and learning new skills are just as important as direct service. PSS requirements help diversify service and encourage trying new things."



**KHARMIKA TILLERY**  
GREENSBORO,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
International Studies

**MINOR**  
Spanish

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Safe Passage, Guatemala
  - Communiversity
  - Movement of Youth, Black Student Movement

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Law school

"This program has definitely taught me that dedication to public service can create a positive change and that there is not a substitute for passion and hard work."



**CARLOS TORIELLO**  
GUATEMALA CITY,  
GUATEMALA

**MAJOR**  
Economics

**MINOR**  
Social Entrepreneurship

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Nourish International
  - Community Enterprise Solutions
  - Fundacion Comunitaria del Bajio

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Good times

"The program facilitated and encouraged my involvement on campus, helping me turn it into engagement. My experiences in service and learning pushed me to think deeply into what motivated my participation and explore how it connected with my inner self. The culture of service is one that I was not exposed to until coming to UNC and it has marked me for the rest of my life."



**PAUL TROTTMAN**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Religious Studies

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Six Forks Rescue Squad
  - UNC Dance Marathon
  - Volunteer Nepal

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"Service has been a significant part of my life since childhood. Public Service Scholars was an outlet for such passion which helped develop my interests and motivate me to pursue challenging new opportunities. The constructive atmosphere opened possibilities of service I had never considered, from tutoring in rural North Carolina to cancer work in Nepal. These experiences solidified my confidence that privately and professionally my future will always incorporate public service."



**AMANDA VELAZQUEZ**  
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

**MAJOR**  
Nutrition

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Healthy Heels
  - Mujeres Avanzando hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
  - Mount Sinai Fit

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"My volunteer experiences as a Public Service Scholar have shaped who I am today: an individual with an empathetic spirit who thrives on community service. Through the PSS program, I have made lasting friendships and meaningful life discoveries. I am motivated to make a difference in the world because of my exposure to community health and social issues. I have gained valuable leadership skills and knowledge that have prepared me for a future as a healthcare professional."



**HEATHER WETHERELL**  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Biology

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
  - Carolina Pediatric Attention, Love and Support (CPALS)
  - Global Medical Training

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Attend the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has truly given me a chance to fit in during my time at UNC. I feel privileged and honored to be a part of a program that is deeply concerned with the service of helping others. The time spent volunteering in this program has reaffirmed my desire to be in a service profession. This opportunity has made my time at Carolina really important and worthwhile to me."



**STEPHANIE WILKINS**  
WINSTON-SALEM,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Education

**MINOR**  
Religious Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Orange County Animal Shelter
  - Mission Emmanuel
  - Breakthrough Collaborative

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Building and traveling in Thailand and teaching elementary age students

"The Public Service Scholars program plugged me into service both on campus and around the local community. It introduced me to faculty, peers and Chapel Hill community members who share my passion for service. Especially as a freshman, a great deal of college felt focused on self-interest. The Public Service Scholars program helped me to look beyond myself and work to solve problems on campus and in my community."



**SUZANNE WILLIS**  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Chemistry and History

**MINOR**  
Biology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Teaching and Projects Abroad
  - Hargraves Community Center
  - Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Participate in Bike and Build, then work for Monitor Group consulting

"Public service goes hand in hand with my college education at Carolina. I could not imagine one without the other. I would feel unfulfilled. The Public Service Scholars program makes that partnership seem natural. When I venture out of the Chapel Hill bubble, I want to bring that fusion of work and service with me. I hope to carry the ethos of PSS with me the rest of my life."



**DIONI WISE**  
KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Journalism and Mass Communication and Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
  - APPLES Service-Learning Program
  - Hermanitas de los Pobres: La Casa de Ancianos

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Travel and report for Greensboro's News & Record newspaper

"Before enrolling in the Public Service Scholars program, I was blind to certain social issues and the interdependency all humans share, but the program prompted me to venture into the community, work with others, and learn so much about myself and the issues that plague my neighbors. The program also gave me outlets from which to create solutions. I will continue to do community service wherever I go. By helping others, I ultimately help myself."



**CARA WITTEKIND**  
CULLOWHEE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Public Policy

**MINOR**  
Linguistics

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Traction
  - Southwest-Central Durham Quality of Life Project
  - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Work for a nonprofit

"Through my participation in the PSS program, I have deepened and focused my commitment to social change work. I feel more prepared to continue a life of public service after graduation, and I intend to pursue a career consistent with the values and methods I've learned here."



**ALEXANDER WOLF**  
ALBEMARLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Chemistry

**MINOR**  
Biology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- NC Governor's School East
  - Morrow Mountain State Park
  - Campus Y, Catalyst Conference and Nourish International

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Pursue a PhD in Chemistry

"UNC's Public Service Scholars program was not my first experience with community service. It did, however, give me the motivation to stay involved and to see the needs around me during the rigors of day to day college existence. Through service projects, I found others who shared that same belief. The true value of the PSS program lies there. It is a compass to help us find the better path and be much richer for it."



**ANDREW WOODS**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

**MAJOR**  
Public Policy

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Student Government
  - Scholars' Latino Initiative
  - Campus Y

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Travel

"The Public Service Scholars program has helped to dramatically change my life. It has taken me from an individually focused person to an others-focused person. I cannot stress how important the program is to me."





**NICHOLE YEMBRA**  
**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

**MAJOR**  
Business

**MINOR**  
Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- GOLD-N-LOVE
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- America Counts

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**

Master of Accounting at UNC-Chapel Hill, then work for Ernst & Young in Atlanta

"I really found myself in service to others, especially when serving the youth of our community. Sometimes stepping outside this UNC bubble and seeing that the rest of the world isn't as privileged as us really helps put things in perspective and motivates us to be better people."



**HANNAH YIN**  
**CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
Biology and Linguistics

**MINOR**  
Chemistry

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon
- UNC Hospitals, Birth Partners Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Medical school

"My participation in the Public Service Scholars program has been instrumental in helping me develop a more comprehensive perspective on what it means to perform public service. The process of learning about the interconnected direct and indirect dimensions of public service has led me to reevaluate my career path and begin to dream up new ways of doing service in a manner that complements my future career in medicine."



**LAURA ZIEMER**  
**GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAJOR**  
Psychology

**MINOR**  
Spanish

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- El Futuro
- Mujeres Avanzando Hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
- Los Pinos Boys' Home

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Graduate school

"The people I have met in my volunteer experiences have taught me many lessons. They taught me to be adaptive, innovative, optimistic, and accurate. They taught me the first step in loving well is listening well. They taught me that the prejudice, poverty, apathy, and discrimination we often find in complex cultural contexts do not have to divide us or defeat us. They taught me that we can make a difference one person at a time."



**AGNIESZKA ZMUDA**  
**RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DOUBLE MAJOR**  
International Studies and Political Science

**PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**

- American Red Cross
- UNC Hospitals
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

**POST-GRADUATION PLANS**  
Undecided

"Over the last four years, a lot has happened and a lot has changed. My major, work schedule, friends, and priorities have all changed. One thing that has remained the same is my desire to serve my community. Though the type of service has changed, my underlying goal has not. Lessons of perseverance, patience, humility, courage, and gratitude have all made me who I am today."

"Of all the programs I have enrolled in throughout college, Public Service Scholars has by far been one of the most rewarding and worthwhile. The experiences I have had in college with public service will stay with me well into my adult life, allowing me to maintain empathy and compassion for those in need."

## About the Center



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CCPS staff

The Carolina Center for Public Service (CCPS) engages and supports the faculty, students and staff of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in meeting the needs of North Carolina. The Center strengthens the University's public service commitment by promoting scholarship and service that are responsive to the concerns of the state and contribute to the common good.

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# Service Sites

Below is just a snapshot of the variety and scope of organizations with whom the Public Service Scholars have worked:

A Helping Hand  
AIDS Community Residence Association (ACRA)  
Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Alpha Phi Omega  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Red Cross  
American Cancer Society  
AmeriCorps  
Amnesty International  
Animal Protection Society of Orange County  
APPLES Service-Learning Program  
ARC of Orange County  
Autism Society of North Carolina  
Barack Obama for President  
Best Buddies  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Breakthrough Collaborative  
Camp Kesem  
Campus Y  
Carnivore Preservation Trust  
Carolina Cancer Focus  
Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)  
Carolina Leadership Development  
Carolina Microfinance Initiative  
Carolina Music Outreach  
Carolina Navigators  
Carolina Pediatric Attention, Love and Support (CPALS)  
Carolina Troop Supporters  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
Charles House

Circle K  
Club Nova  
Communiversity  
Delta Delta Sigma  
Delta Phi Omega  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon  
Durham Arts Council  
Durham Scholars Program  
Durham Youth Home  
El Centro Latino  
El Futuro  
Extended Disaster Relief  
Family Violence Prevention Center  
Full Belly Project  
Girls on the Run  
Global Medical Brigades  
GOLD-N-LOVE  
Guardian ad Litem  
Habitat for Humanity  
Inter-Faith Council for Social Service  
Kidzu Children's Museum  
Komen for the Cure  
Lutheran Campus Ministries  
Lutheran Family Services  
Mujeres Avanzando hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)  
NAACP, UNC Chapter  
Native Health Initiative  
North Carolina Health Careers Access Program  
North Carolina Hillel

North Carolina Museum of Art  
Nourish International  
Orange County Family Violence Prevention Center  
Orange County Health Department  
Orange County Rape Crisis Center  
Orange County Special Olympics  
Planned Parenthood  
Project HEAL  
Rainbow Soccer  
Relay for Life  
Roosevelt Institution  
Scholars' Latino Initiative  
Service North Carolina  
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